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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 6/9/2023

Volume									
	This Week	Last Reported (5/22/2023)	Last Year						
Tons:									
Hay	1750	505	730						
Silage	600	0	0						
Total	2350	505	730						

Please Note: The above volumes (tonnage, acres, and bales) listed on this USDA LPGMN report are for confirmed trades only, it does not include estimated volume (tonnage) for bids or offers to the trade.

Special Note: ***Due to very light sales receipts this report will be released bi-monthly until early August when heavier receipts can be confirmed. Next release date will be Friday June 23rd, 2023 ***

Compared to last report(5/26/23): Hay sold fully steady. Demand from out of state buyers was moderate to good as several loads shipped south to Kansas and Oklahoma where drought concerns remain. Most producers are out of hay for the season and are focusing on new crop hay. Wet conditions have kept producers from cutting as abundant rainfall has been seen across much of the state. Cooler weather has helped as many stands remain per-bloom or are just starting to bloom. New crop contracts are starting to be written and producers report moderate demand to start the marketing season. Hay contracts are starting out steady to 25.00 lower than June 22', however, drought conditions are much improved from last year. Pests are a battle for many producers as some are fighting a variety of insects that are causing major damage especially across southern Montana. Winter kill has been widely reported in western Montana and some producers lost a substantial number of acres. Many producers in southern Montana remain concerned that first cutting Hay is slow to go in the bale due to weather and many show concerns about the quality of hay if it continues a rainy pattern. Rain remains in the forecast off and on for the extended forecast. According to the drought monitor 18.43% of the is in Moderate drought or worse, down 10.66% from two weeks ago. 3.52% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, down 0.09% from two weeks ago. 0% of the state is in Extreme or drought or worse, unchanged from two weeks ago.

N/A								
Hay (Conventional)								
Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Ton)								
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Square 3x4	250	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.				
Alfalfa - (Contract (Trade)/Per Ton)								
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Square 3x4	325	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.	Rain Damage	New Crop		
Large Square 3x4	1175	220.00-225.00	222.87	F.O.B.		New Crop		



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Silage (Conventional)								
Haylage - RFV 150-169 (Trade/Per Ton)								
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Bulk	600	210.00	210.00	F.O.B.		New Crop		

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https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/HayQualityGuidelines.pdf

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